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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1902.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

Christmas Handkerchief Sale.

This will be the largest sale in our history. If pretty handkerchiefs and hundreds of them will make it.

SEVERAL NEW STYLES in embroidered, gents' initial Japanette, a pretty, soft, good wearing 'kerchief, 12½c
LADIES' and GENTS' size, initial linen, plain hemstitched, 15c
LADIES' and GENTS' initial, all linen, plain hemstitched, 25c
30 STYLES in ladies' and children's lace edge, lace corners, embroidered corners, colored borders, plain hem, very pretty for the price, 5c
20 STYLES, some plain hem, all linen, some pretty cotton, lace and embroidered, 12½c
30 STYLES in most all of the pretty patterns you could imagine. These are all linen. Some new style hem, 25c
15 STYLES at 50c
These are similar in style to the 25c grade but of finer linen and embroidery.
ALSO MANY OTHER styles at 4c, 10c, 15c, 30c, 37½c and 75c.
If in doubt about presents, buy handkerchiefs for ladies, gents, or children.

Dressing Sacques.

Now is the time for warm, wool dressing sacques.
One lot of wool eiderdown in pink, blue, and reds, collar trimmed with black braid, crocheted edge, fastens with ribbon and frogs, \$1.00
This is only one from our large stock. Others from 50c to \$1.95

Bed Spreads.

These are useful the whole year and make good presents.
The MANITOBA, good weight to wear well and wash easy, figured patterns, 7 ft. 3 in. long, 6 ft. 6 in. wide, excellent value, \$1.00
Fringed Spreads.
The EMPRESS has large scroll center, wide figured border, heavy fringe, 7 ft. 3 in. long, 6 ft. wide, \$1.50

Towel Sale.

Linen towels will please almost any of your friends. We have the best line of towels we know how to buy, direct from the importers, all prices from
8c to \$1.37 each
One lot good weight, colored or white border, fringe or hem, 12½c
One lot pure linen, fringed or hem, colored or white border, 18x36 in., 25c
One lot kid linen huok, wide hem, 22x40 inches, 50c
Also Damask towels in all grades.

Boston Bags.

Our Christmas line of bags is complete in all grades from 50c to \$2.25
One lot die lined, leather ends, heavy wool covering, dark or light, \$1.50
Nice gift for school girls.

THOMAS SMILEY,
Telephone 112-2.

Norway, Maine.

E. C. Vandenkerckhoven.
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Photographs

Christmas Giving

To be satisfactory to all must be done intelligently both in selecting the article as well as who to present it to.

Here Are a Few:

Waste Paper Baskets in fancy willow, rattan and Indian work, 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00, and \$1.25.

Fancy Jardinieres in very handsome designs and attractive colorings, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 and up to \$6.00.

Decorated Enamel Umbrella Stands, strictly new and correctly shaped, \$3.00, \$4.00, and \$5.00.

50 New Parlor Lamps, all with the very best and reliable burners, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50 and up.

Music Stands, at trifling cost, bamboo \$1.50 and \$2.50; similar styles in Oak and Mahogany color, \$3.50.

Rattan & Willow Work Baskets with or without covers, white and fancy colors, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, and \$7.00.

Christmas Hosiery, Ottomans with iron frames, Foot Rests, Turkish Seats, Boot-black Cabinets.

Since last issue we have had opened some attractive values in house desks for ladies and gentlemen—convenient in size and arrangement as they are neat in design and perfectly finished.

3 in Oak

at \$5.50, \$7.50, and \$10.00
represents great values. Your mail order for either one would be entirely safe if you cannot call. If you don't like it on arrival, ship it back and we return money.

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SILVERWARE, etc.

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Geo. T. Lawrence
BETHEL, MAINE.

Christmas Gifts.

I cannot begin to enumerate the many things, useful and ornamental, that may be found on my list of Holiday Goods. I can only give a few items in a general way, and invite my many customers to come in and learn that the unmentioned list is longer than the mentioned. You will, however, find

Collar and Cuff Cases,
Smoker's Sets,
Tobacco Jars,
Cigar Holders,
Handkerchief and Glove Boxes,
Jewel and Work Boxes,
Toilet and Manicure Sets,
Candle Holders,
Fancy Thermometers,
Ink Stands,
Candelabra,
Pin Trays,
Ash Trays,
Bon Bon Dishes,
Military Brushes,

Shaving Mirrors,
Paper Knives,
Paper Weights,
Match Boxes,
Portmonnaies,
Gentlemen's Pocket Cases,
Gentlemen's Folding Traveling Cases,
Picture Frames,
Books, Calendars,
and Toys of all kinds at all prices.

MISS L. C. HALL,

Bethel, Me.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Ed Barker has returned from Providence, R. I.

Miss Blanche Swan visited on Elm St., Saturday.

Mr. C. A. Lucas made a trip to Lewiston Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. was postponed one week on account of the M. E. Fair.

"Uncle" Moses Mason is visiting relatives in Woodfords and Saco.

Fortnightly supper and social at the Universalist chapel Friday of this week; supper and social 15 cents, social 5 cents.

Edward King is as happy as any king should be with a prince in his home. The little fellow arrived last Thursday. Congratulations.

Prof. W. S. Wight is in town for a few days returning from Franklin county where he has had some very large classes in music. He will continue his work next week in Somerset county.

Mrs. Geo. Spinney had a battle with a hawk which was in her hen house, last Friday, appropriating her hens to its own use. Mr. Hawk showed much temper but was finally subdued.

The annual election of officers of the order of Modern Woodmen of America has resulted as follows: Venerable Counsel—C. H. Davis. Worthy Advisor—C. O. Foster.

Banker—E. E. Barker. Clerk—E. E. Randall. Watchman—J. L. Stone.

Escort—F. J. Tyler. Physician—G. L. Sturdivant.

Managers—W. E. Abbott, L. U. Bartlett, A. F. Copeland.

The blacksmiths of Bethel have all joined the County Blacksmiths' Association, and upon Jan. 1, 1903, a uniform schedule of prices will go into effect. The local blacksmiths feel justified in taking this step in view of the fact that, although during the past few years there has been such an advance in all material which they have to buy as to materially affect their profit, yet up to this time no advance has been made by them.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Gleason Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. A most cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies of the society. The program prepared by the committee will be interesting. Each one is requested to contribute some anecdote or read a short selection from one of the three New England authors, Lucy Larcom, Louisa M. Alcott and Harriet Beecher Stowe, or relate some fact in regard to their life or writings.

The Frye correspondent of the Rumford Falls Times writes in the following appreciative words of one of our Bethel girls: "The school in upper division, recently closed, and taught by Miss Edith D. Abbott of Bethel, appears to have met the strong approval of everybody interested. Miss Abbott possesses the distinctive quality (not always found) of being a live teacher, and her interest and zeal in her work as well as aid in the work of Frye Improvement League was highly appreciated."

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Gifts worth giving at King's. Ladies' lorgnette and watch chains make nice presents. King's.

If your gifts are from King's they are good.

All kinds of rings at King's.

King has a fine display of sterling and plated silver ware and cut glass.

Bargains in millinery at Miss Stearns', Main St.

L. M. Stearns has a large line of handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Mary Clarke is visiting at Dan Spearin's.

Miss Agnes Brooks returned to school Monday.

Miss Jane Howard Gibson spent Saturday in Lewiston.

Thomas Kendall went to Mechanic Falls, Saturday.

The Bethel Chair Factory is shut down for a few weeks.

D. H. Mason has been enjoying a hunting trip in Shelburne, N. H.

Miss Hattie Foster is in Lewiston visiting her cousin, Mrs. Rollins.

Miss Ethel Richardson spent her vacation with friends in Portland and Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Howe of East Bethel, were in our village last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Bartlett are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Ina Kenney of Portland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stowell, last week.

Miss Ethel Eames of Lancaster, Mass., is spending a month at the home of her father, Wm. R. Eames.

Miss Emily Chapman has returned from Massachusetts and will spend the winter with her mother.

Miss Alice Shaw arrived safely in New Jersey where she has a fine situation as waitress, and is enjoying summer weather there.

J. D. Hutchison, late manager of Hotel Pleasant, Rockland, Me., has leased Bennett's Tavern at Gilead, for a term of years.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Hannibal Grover who has been quite ill for the past few weeks, is slowly recovering.

Miss E. E. Burnham has received intelligence of the death of her great aunt, Mrs. Hannah Childs of Canton, Sunday, Dec. 15, aged 101 years last August.

Miss Reta Shaw boarded on Elm street part of last week with Mrs. Burgess, it being too cold to attend school and go to her home at Steam Mill village.

Mr. Charles Farwell is confined to the house from the effect of a broken rib, as a result of his horse crowding too hard against him when backing him out of the stall.

Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhoven wishes to announce that henceforth he will keep a nice line of meats and will call on all who desire to do business with him on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. He respectfully solicits the patronage of all.

Legislative Contest.

Lewiston Republican candidates for the legislature, Stephen J. Kelley, George B. Haskell, and Jacob R. Little will contest the seats of Alonzo M. Garcelon, Frank A. Morey and Michael A. Coyne of Lewiston, in the 71st legislature of Maine.

The first step in this contest was begun on Saturday in the service of notice on the Democratic members of the aforesaid. The law requires that this service be made in a specified time before the opening of the legislature.

This opens what promises to be one of the hottest fights ever made in the Maine House. Kelley, Little and Haskell have eminent counsel in White & Carter, and the work of Mr. Kelley in particular in gathering evidence and securing a basis for the combat has covered a long period and has been faithful and arduous.

You'd Better Hurry!

DO YOU REALIZE THAT THERE ARE ONLY SIX MORE BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE

CHRISTMAS

While my stock is large enough this year so you could doubtless find something nice for a present at the very last moment, still if you select your gifts early, you have more to choose from and more time to decide. There is nothing which makes a more acceptable gift than something found in a jeweler's stock. The public well knows that, if a thing is bought at a reliable jeweler's, it is of best quality and is a gift to be proud of.

WATCHES

An unusually fine selection of Ladies' Watches, at prices that place them in reach of all, from nickel cased ones, at \$4.50 to solid gold, at \$25.00 to \$30.00

BOYS' WATCHES

What boy does not long for a Watch, and is not Christmas a good time to supply him? From \$1.00 to \$10.00

GENTLEMEN'S WATCHES

Cased in nickel, silver and gold filled. Waltham, Elgin, and Hamilton movements, and artistic cases, \$5.00 to \$50.00

CHAINS

A vest chain any man would be pleased to own, latest styles, single vest and Dickens' 75 cts. to \$6.00

Ladies' Lorgnette Chains. Large variety of patterns in fine gold filled, soldered links and solid gold slides, \$1.60 to \$6.50

NECK CHAINS

Both the long and short Chains, \$1.50 to \$4.00

LOCKETS

For one, two, or four pictures; \$1.35 to \$2.75

SCARF PINS

Both Ladies' and Gentlemen. Many new designs, solid gold, silver, and plated, 25 cents to \$4.50

Brooches and Chatelaine Pins

Many styles. Sure to please. What girl has too many brooches? 50 cents to \$4.00

BRACELETS

Chain Bracelets, Adjustable Bracelets, Silver Netherlands Bracelets 50 cents to \$5.00

RINGS

My stock of Rings is carefully selected from all the latest designs, and one who cannot be suited from my store, is indeed hard to satisfy. Diamond, Opals, Garnet, Emeralds, Pearls, Turquoise, Amethyst, Topaz, etc., in Ladies' Rings, \$1.50, up Children's and Babies' Rings, 75 cents to \$2.00. Gentlemen's Stone Rings, \$2.00 to \$7.00 Plain Band, Engraved, and Wedding Rings, \$1.50 to \$5.00

THIMBLES

Silver and Gold band Thimbles, A useful gift, 25 cents to \$1.25

CUT GLASS

A few choice pieces bought direct from manufacturers, at much less than city prices, \$3.50 to \$8.00

PYROGRAPHIC GOODS

The demand I had for BURN'T WOOD in the summer, led me to arrange for a large line for Holiday Gifts, consisting of

Picture Frames, Comb and Brush Trays, Hand Mirrors, Brushes, Pin Trays, Jewel Boxes,

Paper Knives, Twine Boxes, Collar Boxes, Fancy Boxes, Nut Bowls, Teapot Stands,

Napkin Rings, Burnt Leather Doilies, etc.

THERMOMETERS

More of the popular "Cat Thermometers," in fancy Burnt Wood Frames, from 50 cts. to \$1 Silver Mounted Thermometers, 85 cents to \$2.00

Plain Enamel Ones, 40 cents to 50 cents

A Thermometer combines beauty and use. All guaranteed accurate.

Sterling Silver Novelties

These have been one of the best selling articles in past seasons. This year I offer some new styles and some of the Staple Patterns in Blotters, Darners, Scissors, Button-hooks, Paper Knives, Files, Letter Openers, Toilet Articles, Ebony Brushes, etc., 30 cents, up.

Silver Plated Hollow-ware

Baking Dishes, Tea Sets, Child's Mugs, Napkin Rings, Fruit Dishes, Jewel Cases, Cracker Jars and many other articles to please the eye of the Ladies.

STERLING SILVER

Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons, Fancy Forks and Spoons, Souvenir Spoons, etc.

CLOCKS

Nickel, Gilt, Oak, Black Clocks, \$1.00 to \$10.00

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GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect Dec. 7, 1902.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	4.00	8.20	3.00
Gilead,	...	8.38	3.33
West Bethel,	...	8.47	3.44
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53	3.50
Lockes Mills,	...	9.00	4.00
Bryant Pond,	...	9.05	4.10
South Paris,	...	9.30	4.46
Lewiston,	...	10.30	5.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15	6.15
Boston, via rail,	A. M. P. M.		
Boston, via boat,	3.00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	3.38	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.10	9.18
Lockes Mills,	10.35	4.18	9.26
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.46
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.58
Gorham,	11.33	5.40	10.25

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	1.00
Montreal,	0.50	...	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	...	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	...	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M., East and 9.37 P. M., West, run every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M., and at Berlin 11.15 A. M. Returning leave Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05 P. M.

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MASTER and SLAVE

By... T. H. THORPE

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The home was now presided over by the Widow Wyley, whose long experience as the wife of an overseer had given her a knowledge of the negro character which enabled her, to rule efficiently and kindly. Thrift and neatness came naturally from her Dutch mother, as did also her passion for cows and bees. Her face was big and red, and so was her heart; her hair was white and strong, and so was her nature. Binker Wyley, her stalwart son, was the abstemious, tireless overseer, who had announced on taking charge that the lash was only for oxen, mules and dogs and to whose shrewd, frugal management was due the fact that the prosperity of "L'Esperance" was second to that of no plantation in the parish of Avoyelles, with the possible exception of Ralouin's, on Bayou des Glaisses. The dwelling was a brick structure of two stories, with broad, covered verandas projecting from the second in front and rear. On the ground floor, which was tiled, were at one side of a wide hall a dining room and housekeeper's sanctum, at the other an office, library and medicine store, in which were kept considerable quantities of medicaments of approved use on large plantations. The second story contained parlor and sleeping apartments, high ceilinged and spacious, separated by a hall corresponding with the one below and reached by exterior stairways piercing the verandas. The furniture was heavy, old and rich. An acre set in pecan, walnut and fig trees and inclosed by a high white fence made a shady lawn between the house and the public road along the bank of Bayou Claire. On the left were the overseer's house and plantation stores, a hundred yards farther the negro quarters, barns, stables and cattle sheds; on a bend of the bayou was the steam cotton gin and at the rear of the fields the brick sugar mill, with long, low roofed purgery and massive chimney for bagasse burning.

The warm day was closing. Oakfell sat at the western window of the office near a table on which lay written reports which had been left with him by the overseer. From a perusal of them he had turned to a volume of English poetry and read these lines:

He finds his fellow guilty of a skin
Not colored like his own and, having power
To enforce the wrong, for such a worthy cause
Dooms and devotes him as his lawful prey.

And what man, seeing this
And having human feelings, does not blush
And hang his head to think himself a man?

The book was closed upon his finger, and with lowered eyes he pondered these thoughts when the open doorway was filled by the generous figure of Mrs. Wyley.

"Mr. Oakfell, where is Evariste today?" she asked. "I have not seen him since morning."

"He went to attend the races at Mansura, I believe," Oakfell replied.

"You will not, I hope," she said, settling herself comfortably in a rocker, "think me meddlesome if I question the propriety of one so young frequenting such gatherings, where gambling, drinking, profanity and sometimes homicide are the features. I forbade them to Binker. Evariste goes to them so often."

The old lady's manner evinced the sincerity of her anxiety.

"I appreciate your interest and desire you always to speak your thoughts without restraint on any subject which may concern my brother," said Oakfell.

"In this instance, however, I think you need have no apprehension. Horse racing, you know, is expressly encouraged by our law, which puts betting at it on an equal footing with other contracts. It has received the countenance of our best citizens and has thus had its respectability preserved. Were such as Evariste to absent themselves the turf would soon degenerate to a mere gambling affair and contest of chicanery. So long as honor rules the track the excitement is healthful to men. I have no misgiving of Evariste. He is thoughtful and prudent beyond his years, has a perfect control over himself, which I envy him, and his spirit is too high and proud to yield to a low temptation or to be led by an unworthy example. My faith in him is perfect, and I love him as if he were my son."

"How blessed he is to have such a brother," said Mrs. Wyley, her fears for the one forgotten in her admiration of the other.

"There he is now!" exclaimed Oakfell, rising and going to the door. "Was there ever such a little man beauty as he? And he is so free from vanity that I do not believe he is at all aware of his good looks."

Evariste had alighted from his foaming horse at the gate and, having thrown the bridle to a negro boy, was walking up the brick path to the house with the easy step and calm air of one returning from a short and leisurely stroll in a shady grove, his regular breathing betraying no sign of the hard run of 11 miles he had given the panting beast now being led to the stables. And Horace's tribute of unconsciousness of self was scarcely sustained by the faultlessly fitting suit, unadorned collar and fashionably adjusted neckscarf, the dainty shoes and carefully oiled locks resting on his shoulders in a glossy black roll. And a suspicion of dandyism might have had confirmation in the delicate perfume scattered from his handkerchief

as he passed it across his brow.

"How was the sport today, my boy?" Horace asked cheerily as Evariste entered the room.

"One excellent half mile race between Quillebert's Charlotte Corday and Judge Elgee's Belle Cheney," said Evariste. "The others were only ordinary."

"How was the betting?"

"Quite brisk. The odds were in favor of Belle Cheney. I took Charlotte Corday and won \$60. She came in by a neck. Leonidas Latiolais backed the Elgee mare and lost heavily. Father Galotte parted with some of his tithes on the same risk. Somebody told Elgee that his jockey had been tampered with by Quillebert, and he swore he would kill them both if the charge could be proved. For a time it looked as if some blood might be let, but friends interfered, and the matter quieted down."

"Who rode Charlotte Corday?" Horace inquired.

"Quillebert's yellow boy Leon. By the way, brother," said Evariste, "Quillebert got into a boisterous vein when his mare came in winner. He said he had set in to beat Belle Cheney and knew from the beginning he would do it and declared that when he made up his mind to a thing nobody in Avoyelles could overmatch him. Little El Ferrier spoke up and asked how about you electing Estelle Latiolais godmother of the bell. He said it was not you that did it. Father Galotte asserted it was you; that he had it on good authority. Quillebert was stunned. He had never suspected that you had a hand in that. He became furious and I believe was about to relieve himself of some uncomplimentary remarks about you when he caught my eye looking steadily at him and concluded to bottle his rage. But I never saw so ferocious an expression settle upon a man's countenance as that which came over Quillebert's as he turned away. I fear he is your mortal enemy from this time on. Beware of him, brother."

"He is a bad man and hurtful to the community," said Oakfell, "but he is a coward and need not be feared, only watched. I very much regret my name was mentioned in connection with the contest over the christening of the bell. It was quite contrary to my wish."

"If you had seen how delighted Estelle was when her grandfather told her what Father Galotte had said, your regret would not be so poignant."

"Did you see her? Where?"

"At Father Gré's house. The priest insisted upon my dining there with her."

and her grandfather, and I tell you, brother, the priest is your stout friend, though you are not a Catholic. He declared there never has been in this parish your equal in all the good qualities of head and heart and that you were the ablest, safest leader the people could choose. Estelle's eyes sparkled and her face flushed with pleasure at these encomiums upon you, and she charged me with so many pretty messages of gratitude to you that my horse was blown up with the weight of them. When her face lights up in that way, it is radiant beyond compare. I am sure at 20 she will be the loveliest woman in Louisiana."

"Boy, boy," said Horace, smiling, "you are becoming excited, going into a rapture. Miss Latiolais must indeed be a vision to move you thus from your famous imperturbability. Calm yourself, my little Evariste. It is some time yet before you will be 21 and still longer before Estelle will be 20."

"From the signs of today," said Evariste, with a tinge of bitterness in his voice, "you are the one interested in her twentieth birthday, not I."

"Well, supper is by no means so far off as that," interposed Mrs. Wyley good humoredly, "and if you will hasten to your room, Evariste, you will get the dust of the door brushed off you before I have the bell rung."

As the young man, acting upon this reminder, disappeared into the house his brother remarked:

"What a boon it is to be gifted to live the fullness of life as that boy does. Though of grave and sedate exterior, his whole being vibrates in sympathy with the life around him. Every breath he takes is a draft

of sparkling wine to another man. His sleep is but the opiate effect of the day's joy; his eyes close in thankfulness for the day that has passed and open in eagerness for the day that begins. Apparently impassive, he is keenly observant of and responsive to every event, possessing a marvelous power of seizing and assimilating what is pleasant and rejecting what is disagreeable. He delights in the graceful spinning through the air of the falling leaf, but will not look at it when it has touched the dust, and with all his air of unconcern he is a philosopher, quick to adjust men and things and give them their proper estimate."

"If I heard another speak in this way without naming the person, I would understand him to describe Mr. Horace Oakfell rather than Evariste," Mrs. Wyley remarked.

"No, no!" said Oakfell. "My temperament is too opaque. Everything affecting it throws a shadow. I anticipate dangers, I brood over events, I busy myself to guard against troubles which may never arise. In some of my moods life seems a greivous necessity. Not so with Evariste. To him it is all glad song."

"What do you think will be his calling? Will you make a lawyer of him?"

"By no means."

"How so? Do you not like your own profession?"

"As a branch of learning, a science, a mental discipline, yes. But as a practical profession I loathe it already. No, Evariste will never be a lawyer by my advice."

"What then? A physician or a minister?"

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"If I heard another speak in this way without naming the person, I would understand him to describe Mr. Horace Oakfell rather than Evariste," Mrs. Wyley remarked.

"No, no!" said Oakfell. "My temperament is too opaque. Everything affecting it throws a shadow. I anticipate dangers, I brood over events, I busy myself to guard against troubles which may never arise. In some of my moods life seems a greivous necessity. Not so with Evariste. To him it is all glad song."

"What do you think will be his calling? Will you make a lawyer of him?"

"By no means."

"How so? Do you not like your own profession?"

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surprise. I should have thought after jockeying so skillfully for Mr. Quillebert today you would have been kept at home tonight to be exhibited to his admiring friends."

"He did try to keep me, Mr. Horace," replied Leon, "but I would not stay."

"What! You ran away, Leon? Do you not know the patrol law and the danger of your being out after dark without Mr. Quillebert's written permission?"

"I came away, Mr. Horace. I did not run away, and I know of the patrol law," answered the young fellow firmly, but not offensively. "I had to see you tonight, sir, and I have come to tell you my troubles and ask your advice and help. If I am wrong, you will tell me so, and I hope you will help me. I have always believed you to be the best man in this country, and I know you cannot do or aid a wrong. I beg that you will hear me." Tears rolled down his face, and his hands were held out beseechingly.

"I cannot refuse to hear you, Leon," said Horace. "Walk into my office."

"Mr. Horace, will Mrs. Wyley be so good as to be present when I tell you about myself? She has known me all my life. I want her to hear me. She may know much about me that I do not. Will she be so kind as to come into the office, Mr. Binker?" turning to the overseer.

"I have no doubt she will," the latter said.

"Request your mother to do so," Horace said to Binker, "and you, Leon, go to the kitchen and get supper. Come here half an hour from now."

"If you will excuse me, brother, I will go to my room. I believe the tragedy of 'Richard III' will interest me more than Leon's melodrama," Evariste said and mounted the stairway.

Oakfell lighted a cigar and awaited Mrs. Wyley and Leon in the office.

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There are flowers that sleep during the day and open at night and others that give out their sweetest odor at night, all to attract the particular insects that fertilize them. The day insects would not give them anything in return for the honey they took, but the night insects give them the pollen they need; so they sleep during the day and open all their attractions at night.

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Mosquitoes in India, when they cannot get blood, enjoy the pollen or the sap of plants and preserved fruits and other sweets about the houses.

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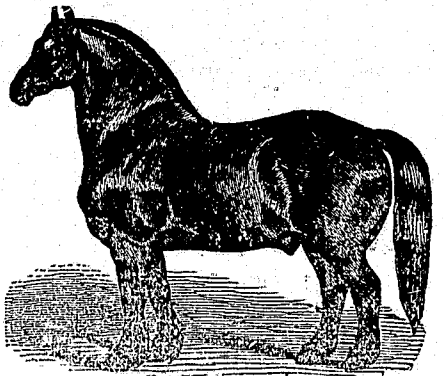
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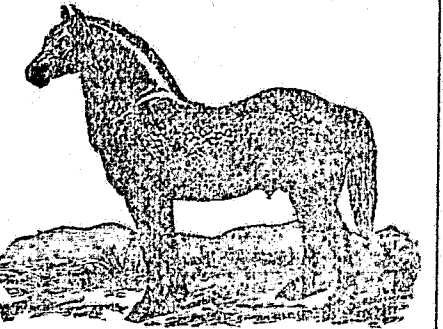
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And though somewhat be lost and gone,
Yet do thou act as one new-born.

Trust.

If young wives could only learn to wait on their husbands' opportunities, to keep from impatience over delayed plans and uncompleted hopes, it would smooth half the rough places in the way. When a man once gets into his office, or has his tools in his hands, if he has a grain of the true enthusiasm which insures his success, he is the worker only—he cannot remember or give attention to the thousand claims of home. A cheery smile of welcome, a silent guarding from fretful reminder of things undone, is like dew to a parched flower. To-morrow he will be glad to be reminded of what to-day he looks upon as a source of regret and annoyance, and your quiet waiting on his chance to serve you will make you very dear to him.

Then make sure, before you give yourself into your lover's keeping, that you have provided yourself with perfect Trust. It is a very low type of womanly nature that can come under the head of a distrustful heart: one who doubts her friends and family. But the wife who carries this destructive element into her married life has laid hold on a poison which has no antidote. Believe that the man who has chosen you out of the world to share his life is beyond suspicion of coldness or forgetfulness, and do not force him to speak of his business affairs before they are ready for discussion, or to disclose half-formed plans while yet unfit for your judgment. Do not doubt that he is eager to get home, though he may be long delayed, and anxious to indulge you, though the means be slow in coming. We hear of men who neglect their homes and wives, and of love grown cold, but the large majority of men are only too glad to have good wives and dear homes to which to turn; and of those instances which are so much talked of in the world the old Book says the evil influence which quenched love and put out the light of home was lack of Trust and Faith.

Improvement in Woman's Status.

The powerful influence of Mrs. Stanton and Miss Anthony on the revolution which has taken place in the status of women during the past fifty years is sometimes denied, and the assertion is made that this has been merely a part of the natural evolution of the race. The battle of Lexington did not secure the independence of the colonies, but here was fired the shot that echoed round the world. That First Woman's Rights Convention, and those which followed in the early '50's, did not obtain emancipation for woman, but they attracted the attention of the whole country to the injustice under which she struggled, and set people to thinking. If these two leaders had waged their preliminary fight in any other State, it probably would not have made so wide-spread an impression; but a half-century ago, as now, New York set the pace for other parts of the Union. Although it made the innovation, in 1848, of empowering a married woman to hold property, it was not until 1860, and after Miss Anthony and Mrs. Stanton had been circulating petitions and besieging the Legislature for ten years, that the sweeping laws were enacted which enabled her to carry on business in her own name, possess her earnings, bring action and defend suits, make a contract and a will, and be joint guardian of her children.

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in various States, until now in about three-fourths of them, a wife may own and control her separate property; and in all of them she may dispose of it by will. In about two-thirds she has a right to her earnings. In a great majority of them she may make contracts, bring and defend suits, act as administrator, and testify in the courts. Although the New York Legislature gave mothers equal guardianship of children in 1860, it took this away in 1862, and did not restore it till 1893. This concession has been slowly made, and now it obtains in only nine States; but as it has been secured in most of these within the past seven years, there is reason to believe the precedent is fully established, and others will speedily follow.

Mrs. Stanton was the first to demand that habitual drunkenness should be held as cause for divorce—in that first State Temperance Convention of Women, called by Miss Anthony in Rochester, N. Y., in 1852—but she was not sustained by more than half a dozen of even the most radical reformers, though always by Miss Anthony. In 1860 she presented her views on this question at a Woman's Rights Convention in New York City, and even so broadminded a man as Wendell Phillips demanded that her resolutions be expunged from the minutes. To-day habitual drunkenness is named as a cause for divorce in all but eight of the States, although, strange to say not in New York.—From a sketch of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, by Ida Husted Harper, in the Review of Reviews.

Backboneless Humanity.

It is the home indulgence of early life that is responsible for so many specimens of backboneless humanity. There are many mothers of the indulgent kind, who have it not in their hearts to make their children do anything that is unpleasant to them.

The frequent "school headaches" are accepted seriously, and the lessons are shunted for that coveted run in the garden, or that jolly play in the house. If music be unpleasant for little miss, in the grinding drudgery of scales and fingering, music is dropped because she has no taste for it, and it is cruel to force her inclinations. So with the brother's Latin and arithmetic, geography and history. The mother maintains the abnormality of her children all through, and makes that childish petulance and childish dislike of initial drudgery the measure of

their mature requirements. Nor can she correct them when they do wrong. She makes kindly excuses to them and for them, and puts "excuses into their own mouths to save them the pain of a frank confession and herself the anguish of inflicting a deserved punishment. She wishes, poor soul, to be all that is sweet and good and loving to her children, but she has not strength of mind nor force of will enough to make them feel that everlasting truth of consequences and responsibilities. She wants them to be good without the need of training, and to be happy without the drawbacks of sorrow for wrongdoing and the bitterness of suffering in punishment.

She thinks, if she makes them strong and healthy and happy they will necessarily be good, and she does not see that all the while she is weakening their moral fiber and making them self-indulgent, unable to resist the pains and misfortunes of life, and sure to become in the end a member of that purposeless species known as back-boneless humanity.

How to Dress Well.

If a woman is afraid to decide about her own style, let her get an artist to tell her what it is, and what she can wear to the best advantage.

Having ascertained her style and the colors she should wear, then she should never deviate from them. She must strengthen herself to ignore wonderful bargains in the wrong styles and colors, and prepare herself to endure a certain amount of monotony in her wardrobe. But her reward lies in being invariably well dressed and in having an air never to be acquired by sinking one's identity in the nondescript taste of the average dressmaker.

A business woman is wise to select some one standard color that best suits her—say brown, or navy-blue, or gray—and then, having bought the principal garments in this tone, to buy all others in harmony with it. It affords a woman a wonderful opportunity to appear smartly dressed on the least possible outlay. And it is remarkable how many pretty variations can be found to prevent any one color scheme growing tiresome.

It is an excellent plan to begin this simple method of good dressing when girls are quite young. It cultivates their taste to a very great degree and enables them, as they grow up, to dress well with but little thought or money.

What a wise precaution it would be to give every girl her own pin-money, however little, and teach her to be self-reliant, for it is a sad fact that it is usually the woman who has the least ability to dress well who thinks most about her clothes always struggling for effects, and doomed to failure; while the woman or girl who understands herself, her style, color and the courageous art of selective shopping can get the largest returns for her time and trouble.

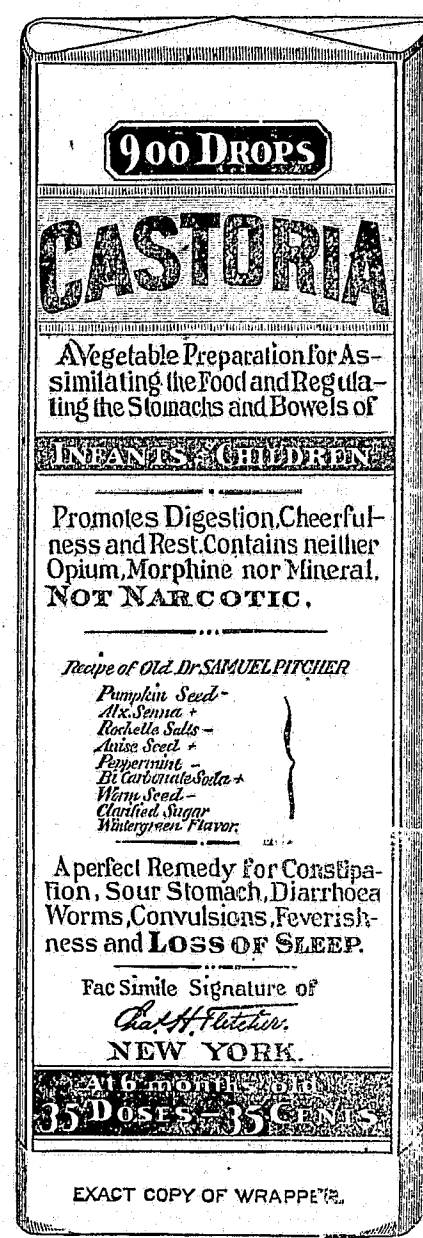
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Direct Election of Senators.

The two seats in the Senate for each State have come to be the most highly coveted prizes of success in American public life. The Constitution directs that Senators shall be chosen by the State legislatures. The candidacy of ambitious and powerful men for seats in the Senate does not, as a rule, await the assembling of the State law-making bodies. Since the legislatures have to choose the Senators, the would-be Senators make it their business to choose the legislatures. The whole public life of not a few of our States within the past few years has been demoralized by the struggle for seats in the Senate at Washington. This clause in the Constitution, which specifies that the Senators shall be chosen by the legislatures of the State, has abundantly proven itself an unwise and improper restriction. The States should have been left to choose their Senators as they like. Some States for a long time, in that case, might have preferred the present plan of election by the two branches of the legislature; but most of the States, and in our opinion all of them,—as the result of an unrestricted opportunity to test different methods,—would have come at last to the plan of direct popular election of Senators. Every year brings fresh confirmation of the desirability of such a change, and upon few subjects are the people of the United States so nearly agreed. On a question of this kind the one set of men wholly incapable of expressing a wise or valuable judgment are the beneficiaries of the existing system. The members of the other House, on the other hand, have no reason for expressing a biased judgment; and when they vote,—as they have done, with entire, or practical, unanimity,—in favor of an amendment to the Constitution allowing the States to elect their Senators by popular vote, nothing could be in more shockingly bad taste than the determination of Senators themselves to prevent the question from coming before States for an expression of final judgment. It is not necessary, of course, to change the existing system in those States which prefer to keep it; but liberty ought to be given to every State to elect its Senators by direct vote, as it elects its governor, if it so chooses. Delaware remains to-day without any representation in the Senate at all, as the result of a legislative deadlock produced by the aggressive determination of one rich man to fight his way into the Upper House of Congress.—Review of Reviews.

Consider Oklahoma's Future.

To admit Oklahoma now, with its irregular and accidental boundaries,—and its area only half that of the neighboring States of Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas,—would be a scandalously unstatesmanlike thing for Congress to do. With all party considerations laid aside, and with patient, intelligent, and honest study given to the question, Congress could not possibly at this time admit Oklahoma. Furthermore, the best people of Oklahoma know that this is true, and that the present statehood movement is one of boomers and politicians for merely local and temporary ends. The admission of new States to our federal Union is one that involves history of an important nature for centuries to come. Shame upon alleged statesmen at Washington who will not

allow such a question to come up for dignified and mature consideration, but who try to settle it upon snap votes, in utter disregard of all the motives that should actuate the national lawmaking body. Oklahoma is making admirable progress as a farming community. Its people are quite like the people of the farming States lying to the north and east of it, and when its boundaries have been fixed as they ought to be, with the opening of the Indian country completed, it will be welcomed by everybody as a splendid accession to the Union,—a State which will soon take fine rank, and rapidly forge ahead to a position where it will have almost or quite the average population of the rest of the Union.

If Congress shall vote to admit it now, in the wrong shape and at the wrong time, let us hope that President Roosevelt will intervene with a prompt veto. Such an action would be commended by the country; for every sensible citizen would appreciate the reasons, and no man would believe in his heart that the President was in the slightest degree affected by the question whether or not Oklahoma, at the next Presidential election, would stand in the Republican or the Democratic column. If participating in the Presidential election, it would in all probability give its vote to Roosevelt; but that is an argument that cannot properly be taken into account. It is a question of our permanent political geography, and of Oklahoma's own best destiny and true glory as a State.—Review of Reviews.

Musical Concert.

It takes something besides a snowstorm like that of Wednesday evening to keep music lovers away from a musical concert that is of so high a standard as are always those given and conducted by Prof. W. S. Wight.

Considering that it had stormed all day with no cessation as evening approached, it is indeed astonishing and remarkable that so large an audience could be gotten together as were assembled in Lambert hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, to listen to the sixty well trained voices that made up the evening's chorus. Quite a large number came up from Strong on the regular train, while many came out from Rangeley by special train.

On account of the storm and by reason of sickness of some who were to take part, the program was necessarily changed somewhat from the original plan. But so nicely was everything carried out, that had not the audience been supplied with printed programs, it is very doubtful if any would have noticed any deviation.

The concert began with a selection by the chorus, made up of sixty of the best voices of Phillips, Rangeley and Strong. This was followed with a solo by Miss Wilhelmna Skoldfield of Rangeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Skoldfield. This little tot with dolly in arms commanded universal attention as she sweetly sang, "When My Little Dolly Died," and it would be putting it mildly indeed to say that she brought down the house.

Great praise is due to Mrs. Cora Dyer, the able and efficient accompanist who played for the different soloists. She can transpose at sight and play in any key with beautiful light and shade. Miss Frankie Keen although quite young is a fine chorus accompanist and very accurate on time. These two ladies are members of Dyer's Magnificent Orchestra.

The concert was very successful Wednesday evening and Prof. Wight did without doubt have a full house at Rangeley on Friday evening.—Maine Woods.

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STATE NEWS.

Camden young ladies are organizing a brass band and the young men of the town can hardly wait for the concerts to begin.

An Aroostook paper declares that to get at the actual number of deer killed, the official count should be multiplied by four.

Saco has not had a fire for over a year, and some of its people are inclined to resent the fact that the insurance rates have been advanced 25 per cent.

Mrs. Ruth Curtis of Kennebunkport recently celebrated her 104th birthday. She is thought to be the oldest woman in Maine.

"How many Christmas trees can be shipped on an ordinary flat car," asks an exchange. Dozens of carloads are now being shipped out of Maine, the number on each car varying from 600 to 700.

Herbert H. Oakes of Auburn, has been elected manager of the foot ball team for the Bowdoin games next season. Donald O. White of Lewiston, was elected assistant manager.

Benjamin Haverly of Bangor, formerly a student at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, was sent to jail for 30 days by Judge Bailey in the municipal court Thursday because he had threatened the life of his mother, Mrs. Alice A. Haverly.

The down local freight, starting from Gorham, struck and killed a large cow moose near West Paris Monday morning of last week. The animal dressed 600 pounds. The carcass was claimed by the game warden, as the killing of a cow moose at any time is illegal.

The epidemic of typhoid fever which began nearly a year ago in Sanford and which as yet shows no signs of abatement, is a matter of great concern to the town officials and the cause still seems far from solution. Deaths from the disease are reported nearly every week.

Charley M. Varney, 54 years old, was almost instantly killed in Durham, Friday night, by a kick from his horse. Mr. Varney had been butchering and without changing his clothing he went into the animal's stall. The smell of fresh blood is supposed to have enraged the horse.

The recent cold snap which closed Maine rivers, left those engaged in the ice industry on the Kennebec, well satisfied at the prospects of an excellent harvest. The "freeze" is one of the best in a number of years. As a rule the fields are free from dirt and grit from the fact that the ground was covered with snow which prevented the dust from blowing over the ice.

The Hon. George M. Seiders of Portland, attorney-general of Maine, has rendered a decision that the New England Home Buyers' association of Boston, could not do business in Maine unless it deposited \$25,000 with the State treasurer and thereafter a sum equal to 15 per cent. of the deposits made in such corporations by the citizens of the State. This decision is important as it affects various concerns of its kind in Massachusetts and other States.

The schoolhouse is still standing in Brunswick where Tom Reed taught during the winter of 1858-9, his junior year in college. It is in the so-called Growstown district, or No. 6, down toward the shore. This was his first term of school, but after his graduation he taught in the Portland High school. It was in this same little red schoolhouse in the Growstown district that another very famous man taught his first term of school. This was Elijah Kellogg and he taught there in 1836, during his freshman year in Bowdoin. Reed's first love affair, by the way, was during his winter as a pedagogue there, and tradition says that he was very earnest in his courting of a farmer's daughter in the district.

Long Hair

"About a year ago my hair was coming out very fast, so I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped the falling and made my hair grow very rapidly, until now it is 45 inches in length."—Mrs. A. Boydston, Atchison, Kans.

There's another hunger than that of the stomach. Hungry hair needs food, needs hair vigor—Ayer's. This is why we say that Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color, and makes the hair grow long and heavy. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

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It is not only in the great cities that cases of extreme destitution are revealed by such cold snaps as we have experienced this last week. Here in Maine the papers have reported cases in Bangor, Waterville, Lewiston and Portland where individuals or families were in great suffering and actually on the verge of freezing to death. They were usually too proud to ask the authorities for help, or in some cases were ignorant of the method of getting relief. There is in all our cities enough work for our charitable organizations to do such a time, and every citizen not himself in want of the comforts of life should take an interest in such work and be willing to help.

To-day at 12 o'clock, Percy & Small launched from their shipyard at Bath the six-masted schooner, Addie M. Lawrence, of Portland. The Lawrence is of the following dimensions: Length 202.4; breadth, 48.3; depth 22.2; net tonnage, 2,195.51. This vessel is built of the heaviest material ever put in a sailing vessel, is thoroughly equipped with all the latest and most up to date machinery and fittings and will easily rank as the queen of the coasting fleet. This vessel has been rigged on the stocks and will practically be ready for sea when launched. This is the third six-masted schooner to be built and will cost ready for sea about \$132,000 and is expected to carry 4,700 tons of coal. The Addie M. Lawrence is named in honor of Miss Lawrence, daughter of Mr. E. N. Lawrence of Fairfield, and she is to be present and perform the christening ceremonies.

No Death Penalty This Winter.

We take no stock in the prediction made by one of the Maine newspapers that the coming session of the State legislature will see the enactment of a law making death the penalty for murder. There have been so many brutal killings in the State in the last few years that it is not strange that the query should arise as to whether it would not be better to have a severe penalty for the crime of murder than that now on the statute books but due consideration can lead to but one conclusion in the matter, and this is that the severity of the penalty attached seldom has any effect in deterring men from committing crime. In most cases the condition of mind in which a man finds himself when he is ready to commit murder is such that what may follow as a result of his act is left unconsidered. The fact that not infrequently the weapon with which he commits the deed against himself shows that often there is no fear of death entering into his calculations.—Waterville Mail.

Death of Mrs. U. S. Grant.

Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, widow of the late ex-President Grant, died at her residence in Washington, D. C., at 11:17 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attack. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons who had been summoned here, all being out of the city.

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IF IN NEED OF A HAT

Don't forget we are selling ours at reduced prices. We still have an unbroken line of underwear and Hosiery.

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We have a nice line and earnestly invite all to examine it before purchasing.

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SHOES, SLIPPERS, ETC.,

For men, women, and children, has an agreeable effect upon those who come to look. If they have inspected other goods they can see the greater value in these. Call and see us.

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E. N. Swett, Manager and Salesman. F. W. Faunce, Salesman.
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Distributing Coal.

Boston, December 14.—With the streets of the city blocked with snow it was no easy task to supply coal to suffering families to-day, but much was accomplished. Hundreds of vehicles and thousands of men were at work and a great quantity of coal in the aggregate was distributed in small amounts. Nearly all the city departments used their horses and vehicles in the work of distribution and if it had not been for this assistance, comparatively little would have been accomplished, as the horses and men of the coal companies were exhausted by the trying times of the past week. At no time before during the coal shortage here had private aid been so freely offered as was availed to-day by the city fuel committee. It seemed as if nearly everyone who owned a horse and business sleigh volunteered to distribute bags of coal and in this way the city, especially the downtown districts, was supplied with fuel in excellent shape. In East Boston the city distributed 18 tons of Welsh anthracite coal at 40 cents a hundred. A city official had

charge and 14 city teams did the hauling.

While measures such as taken to-day give temporary relief, the prospects for the coming week are not said to be bright unless favorable weather comes to assist the coal laden fleet off Cape Cod into port. Many of the hospitals of the city report an alarming scarcity of coal with a larger number than usual of very ill patients, which state of affairs is causing great uneasiness. At the Carney hospital, there are 232 persons, the majority of them patients; many of them seriously ill, who know not where the next shovelful of coal is coming from to keep them not only warm but out of danger. Night and day must fires be kept burning there, and while it takes five tons a day to keep the hospital heated, to-night the sister superior says that not enough coal is on hand to last 24 hours. At other hospitals, also, the situation is regarded as critical.

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WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Drifting snows. Christmas draweth near. News has been congealed for two weeks.

The town ferryboat has been hauled from the ice-bound river.

Mrs. Elmer Stiles has nearly recovered from her recent severe illness.

Whooping-cough is reported as having got started in the school here.

Miss Grace Chapman of Bethel is teaching the winter term of school in this village.

Miss Grace Farwell has been visiting relatives and friends in Gorham and Berlin, N. H.

Joseph S. Mason who has been in poor health all the fall, is now thought to be gradually improving.

Miss Lottie E. Mason is teaching the winter term of school in the same district in Gilead where she taught in the fall.

Will Griffin and Cleveland Bell are working on the railroad here under Herbert E. Mason.

The few deer remaining unharmed must now be allowed to roam the forests and fields of Maine in peace.

Florence and Grace Stiles of Fryeburg Academy Grant are attending our village school, and board at G. H. Goodnow's.

The almanac tells us that winter will begin next Monday, but we have had quite a foretaste of its biting weather during the last three weeks of autumn.

An unusual amount of wood and bark will be sent from this station during the winter, and many teams are now hauling. Loads can safely cross the Androscoggin river on the ice.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1899.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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EAST BETHEL.

Wedding bells in the near future.

Miss Hester Kimball returned to her school at Middle Intervale last week.

The winter term of school is now in session under the instruction of Lester Bean.

J. M. Bartlett will have charge of breaking the roads on the stage route this winter.

Miss Florence Rich is staying with her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Holt.

Miss Amy Bartlett and Miss Grace Swan are recovering from the measles.

J. M. Bartlett who has been in the employ of the Berlin Mills Co. the past four years, has returned to his farm here.

Mrs. S. E. Rich is spending a few weeks with her son, Geo. F. Rich, and family of Berlin, N. H.

J. M. Bartlett and G. H. Swan visited Lewiston recently.

The Ladies' Literary Club recently organized, was entertained by Mrs. Etta Bean Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6. Two new books are being read.



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is worth more than much gold.
Fortunately a little of your gold or silver will buy a remedy that purifies the blood and brings back health.

SOUTH-PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Howard Shaw is visiting his sister, Mrs. Paul Higgins at Costigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Pulsifer of Natick, Mass., formerly of this place, are visiting at Hiram Pulsifer's.

Mrs. Thomas Barnes and daughter Helen went to Lewiston Thursday.

Mr. Myron Maxim got a deer at Hastings which weighed 204 lbs.

Misses Margie McKenney, Lola Lane and Jennie Bradbury of West Paris, are attending school here.

Miss Sue Porter, Dora Stevens and Olive Swett have returned to Farmington.

The first lyceum of the season was held Friday evening at the High School room. A pleasing program was carried out. One of the features was the paper by five young ladies.

All the dealers are showing their Christmas goods.

The Universalist society will have Christmas exercises at the new hall on the evening of Dec. 24.

The line of the new electric railway to connect Paris and Norway with Lewiston and Auburn, passes Minot Corner, then through Mechanic Falls, passing through Poland. It will cross the P. & R. F. railway at Pleasant street, Mechanic Falls. A little more than a mile above Mechanic Falls it will cross the Grand Trunk going under that road. It then goes to Oxford and then to Norway by the shortest way, entering that village at Steep Falls on lower Main street. The Portland and Rumford Falls railway will make a vigorous fight against the grade crossing at Mechanic Falls, and it is said the Grand Trunk will try to prevent the road being built.

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G. A. Otis was in Bethel, Saturday.
B. F. Spearrin was in Errol and Andover last week.
Myrtle Brooks went to Andover, last week, to attend the High school in that village.
The Circle met with Mrs. Pratt last Thursday. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Farrar, but the date is yet undecided.

GRAFTON.

We have had very cold weather the past week. Saturday morning the thermometer registered 24° below zero.

NORTH NORWAY.

Frank Barrett's apple men are packing J. K. French's apples this week. There are many barrels to pack in this vicinity.

Irving Symonds is working for Frank Noyes during the winter, and his wife has gone to her parents.

Will Symonds has gone to Florida to spend the winter.

The 8th and 9th were the coldest days ever known here.

Herbert Hobbs has succeeded in getting his young cattle at last. Nine men were out the 7th, but might as well have tried to drive a herd of deer. They were not quite so agile afterwards but were captured in good condition.

McIntire Bros. drove a flock of sheep to West Paris last week, to ship to Brighton.

School began the 8th with Minnie Cox as teacher.

B. G. McIntire was in Canada six weeks and bought and shipped nearly 20,000 sheep and lambs.

Mrs. Asaph Richardson and son are visiting at Mechanic Falls.

Charles Merrill, Charles Dunn, and H. S. Flint have telephones in their houses now.

J. F. Holt who was in a hospital at Rutland, Mass., several months, has returned home, but is not improved in health.

Frank Noble who has been sick for many months, died the 3d, leaving a widow and two little daughters.

Mrs. Glover preached at the chapel the 7th.

Miss Reynolds from Bates College is teaching in the Pierce district.

Nothing Tastes Good

And eating is simply perfunctory—done because it must be.

This is the common complaint of the dyspeptic.

If eating sparingly would cure dyspepsia, few would suffer from it long.

The only way to cure dyspepsia, which is difficult digestion, is to give vigor and tone to the stomach and the whole digestive system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cured the niece of Frank Fay, 108 N. St., South Boston, Mass., who writes that she had been a great sufferer from dyspepsia for six years; had been without appetite and had been troubled with sour stomach and headache. She had tried many other medicines in vain. Two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made her well.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Don't wait till you are worse, but buy a bottle today.

ANDOVER.

We have had a week of cold weather. Tuesday was a most uncomfortable day, the thermometer being 18 below zero; one morning since it was 16 below.

Our roads are now passable. The road machine has been out after every blow and our stage has made its regular trips.

We regret to report Carroll Swett, our stage driver, as quite ill, threatened with rheumatic fever. Mr. Swett has been very faithful and this is the first time since driving the stage that he has had to give up on account of illness.

The hunters are improving their last chance for the law is on Dec. 15. Men passed here Saturday, driving two horses and having four or five deer. Clayton Swett shot a fine deer last week.

A party of four men camped in the Otis camp at South Andover last week. They secured four deer to carry home. Dec. 13 a large party started from Andover, as they have not returned we cannot speak of their game.

Charles Stevens, Past Commander of J. E. Colby Post, Rumford Center, attended the monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13, a ride of thirteen miles.

Nathan Akers is scaling logs in Sawyer's Notch.

Mr. E. S. Poor has commenced logging at his camp on Lone Mountain, with his usual crew of men.

Misses Alice and Bertha Poor entertained the Congregational Circle on Wednesday evening, Dec. 10.

We are glad to report Lone Mt. Grange as prospering. Several new members have been taken in of late. They are preparing for the annual Christmas tree.

Miss Lillian Sampson, teacher of the High school arrived from her vacation Monday, Dec. 8, commencing her winter term the next day.

We understand there were four cases of surgery under Dr. Leslie's supervision the past week.

Mr. Robinson, the blacksmith, secured his hand with a hot iron and is having trouble with it.

The lumbermen are rushing their logs along and say they would like more snow.

We are glad to hear our friend, Daniel G. Glines of North Rumford, is improving. He has had a severe illness, receiving visits from Dr. Leslie twice a day.

Better Than a Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest.

Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains.

For sale by G. E. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tabbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

NEWRY.

Mrs. John Allen who has been quite sick, is improving.

Elif F. Stearns was in town last week.

There was a good attendance at the hulled corn supper, given for the benefit of the minister Saturday night.

Monday and Tuesday of last week were the coldest days ever known in this town for years.

There is to be a show company at R. W. Kilgore's hall this week.

Morris Chair or Rocker

In exchange for a few hours of your spare time. Write for particulars to New England Home Furnishing Co. 92 Cross St., Portland, Maine.

NEWRY CORNER.

A baby owl flew into the ice-house and was frozen to death during the late cold spell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carlton have returned to their home from North West Bethel.

Mr. Don Smith is able to sit up for a short time.

H. S. Hastings was collecting a car-load of sheep in Andover, on Wednesday.

Many fine things, useful and ornamental, can be obtained for Christmas gifts of Frank Bisbee.

At the usual meeting of Bear River Grange on Thursday last, the annual election of officers resulted as follows:

Master.—A. E. Bailey.
Overseer.—Mrs. Martha Bartlett.
Lecturer.—T. H. Jewett.
Steward.—John Allen.
Asst. Steward.—Don Smith.
Chaplain.—J. C. Saunders.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Carl Godwin.
Secretary.—A. T. Powers.
Gate Keeper.—John Kimball.
Ceres.—Mrs. Albert Bailey.
Pomona.—Mrs. J. C. Saunders.
Flora.—Mrs. A. T. Powers.
Lady Asst. Steward.—Mrs. John Kimball.

The next regular meeting of Bear River Grange occurs on Christmas afternoon, therefore it is decided to have an open meeting, a Christmas tree and treat for the children.

The Sabbath discourse by Rev. W. H. Congdon was founded on the words of Malachi, 3:17.

Mrs. Virgil Chapman is still very ill and Mrs. Peter Gaudet is in attendance there.

SOUTH BETHEL.

Miss Grace King is on the sick list.

Mrs. Mary Chandler is at Mrs. J. S. Hutchins' for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas of Hanover, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Chase.

Mrs. Russell of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting her father and brother, Messrs. John and Alfred Peaslee.

Harry Inman is working at Locke Mills.

Amos King is working at West Paris.

Addison Bryant is working for Frank Cummings.

Bert Cummings is working at Bryant Pond.

Martin Conroy is working for Aurelius Stevens.

Mrs. Nathan Bean, the well-known butcher of Bethel village, killed four porkers in this neighborhood, last Monday.

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BRYANT POND.

A crew of men are sawing spool strips at Dearborn's mill. The spool makers are still lazing, on account of lack of lumber.

Mr. and Mrs. Quimby Perham will attend the State Grange to be held at Portland next week.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark are moving into the town owned by Mrs. Loan Mountfort.

Dr. Packard of West Paris was in town Thursday, to visit Mrs. Horace Berry who is still in very poor health.

Mrs. Mamie Crockett is gaining, but is not able to go out yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeShon of Auburn arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Cole's the first of the week.

Harry Day is in town.

Chester Lane of West Paris was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maun of West Paris recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mann.

Miss Ada Briggs of West Paris was a guest at Mr. and Mrs. David Swan's, Saturday night and Sunday.

Dana Bryant and sister of Freeport have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Emily Felt.

A Christmas Chat!!!

We have told you about mowing machines, farming implements, paints and oils, and other articles of our stock in their season, but unless you're as slow as the man who "skated up river and mowed all day," you don't want to hear about them.

HOLIDAY GOODS

Interest all at this time. You are ready for the year's "close time." You cannot even put up Wire Fence; your plants are all potted, and you'll be fortunate if Jack Frost does not arrange for many empty pots before spring. He certainly will if he does not find some of our

Heating Appliances

In your home. We want to talk to you of our big stock of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, and we want to do it at close range, that we may give you an object lesson while doing it. Come in. We are ready for you.

Hastings Brothers, Bethel, Maine.

Miss Genevieve Whitman is sick at her sisters, Mrs. Clara Hathaway's.

Business is driving on the quarry, with a crew of forty-three men.

The people in this vicinity realized what it meant to be without coal through the recent cold spell.

Frank M. Cole had some coal left over from last year, and has been dealing it out in small quantities to those who had sickness in their families.

GROVER HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Lendall Yates and Allon Cole spent Sunday in Greenwood.

Mrs. V. Blake of Milan, N. H., is at A. L. Whitman's during Mrs. Whitman's absence.

Miss Marion E. Bennett who is teaching in Greenwood, was at home over Sunday.

We have just received from Miss Sadie Mason a program of the closing exercises of her school, and however late, will send it for publication.

Singing—America, School

Quotations.

Why We Wouldn't Sell the Old Home

Farm, Mina Tyler

Baby's Logic, Dorothy Morrill

Essay—The Busy Little Lapps, Erva Bartlett

Nobody's Child, Lloyd Stearns

Reading, Alice Mills

The Drowning Singer, Lillian Morrill

Essay—The Frozen Zone, Gladys Morrill

Suggestions to the Teachers, Evander Whitman

A Yankee in Love, Marion Morrill

George Washington's Juvenile Days, Karle Stearns

Essay—George Washington, Marion Morrill

Popcorn, Gladys Morrill

Pinkie Winkle, Lillian Morrill

Dialogue, Karle Stearns and Evander Whitman

Recitation, Erva Bartlett

The Railroad Crossing, Gladys Morrill

Recitation, George Mills

The School-house on the Hill, Alice Mills

Reading, Miss Mason

WEST PARIS.

On Monday of last week, as a heavy freight train was coming down the grade between here and Bryant Pond, at a good rate of speed, a cow moose was seen standing on the track. She turned and stared with curiosity just one instant too long, for before she could turn and run, the engine struck and instantly killed her.

She was a good-sized animal, being 9 feet long, 6 feet high at the shoulders, and weighing 600 pounds, although the hunters think she was not more than two or three years old. The length of

her face from between the ears to the tip of the nose was two feet. She was brought to the station and many curious visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to see a real moose. Permission was given by the game warden to sell the meat, and some who tested it pronounced it very good.

A large moose, supposed to be the mate to the one previously mentioned, was recently seen in Greenwood by two hunters from North Paris.

Mrs. Fred Lurvey and son Harold of Bryant Pond have been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Charles Barden.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates are enjoying a two or three weeks' visit in New Haven, Conn.

Mr. H. G. Brown is slowly improving and is quite comfortable at the present time.

Mrs. Carrie Marshall who has for some time been staying at the home of George Ridlon in Portland, has returned and at present is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Fuller.

The three church societies of this place will unite in Christmas exercises.

Rev. R. A. Rich, assisted by A. K. Beem of Falmouth, is holding revival services at the Methodist chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Beem and three little daughters have been staying with Mr. Rich.

Mrs. Ida Merrill of Portland, has come here to take the position of night operator at the depot for the present.

Mr. Albert Ryder of Gorham, N. H., who is about to move here, has been spending a few days in town.

Last Thursday evening there was a dance at Dunham's hall.

NORTH ALBANY.

Five deer were shot in this section Thanksgiving day.

Mary Cole of Newry, and Mrs. Brown of this town have been caring for their father, Mr. Sylvanus Bennett, who has been quite ill, but is thought to be gaining at the present time.

The snow and cold spell set the logs moving to the mill in the Paris Mfg Co's woods and the mill is running. Teams are hauling the sawed lumber and sticking it.

Mr. Holt of Hanover, is in this section this week threshing grain. Quite a contrast in the weather this week from last; Tuesday night, raining like a summer shower, while last week, well, you all know what that was.

BERLIN, N. H.

Work is progressing as rapidly as possible in making the necessary changes in order to operate the street cars by the power of the Cascade Electric Light & Power Co. The generator was taken to Gorham last week and installed. The work of stringing the new feed wire will be begun at once and pushed as expeditiously as circumstances will allow. It is thought that the line may be in operation again about Dec. 22.

Mrs. L. R. Fothergill returned Saturday from a two months' stay at Claremont and Derry, where she has been engaged in the interest of the order of the Golden Cross.

Miss Grace Farwell of West Bethel, Maine, was the guest of Miss Eda Fothergill recently.

Miss Jennie Donaldson has accepted a position with the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Miss Maude Farris of Gorham, will clerk in the Berlin Dry Goods Store during the holidays.

G. W. Balcom has completed his labors with the Berlin Street Railway and returned to Boston.

Another crew of Italians have arrived to work for Ward Brothers, the contractors at the Cascades.

E. D. Cole who recently disposed of his watch repairing business here, has gone to Washington, D. C., and engaged with his brother in the same business in that city. He will shortly return to this city and move his family to Washington. He has disposed of his watch repairing business to E. D. Clarke of Boston.

A female tramp printer masquerading in male attire visited our city last week. She left here to take a jaunt through Maine.

RUMFORD FALLS.

Mrs. Wm. Decker and son from northern New York are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Bryan.

Cherubino Baroni has returned from a visit to his son, Tomasso, who is dying of consumption at St. Sauveur, Montreal, Canada.

Walter Brown went to Yarmouthville, Wednesday, where he will reside and enter the employ of one of the local marketmen.

Albert Lawrence, conductor of the log train between Bemis and Oquossoc is spending a few days vacation with relatives at Gorham, N. H.

Rev. W. F. Purinton of Rumford Center, was in town Monday, calling on friends. He expects to leave his present pastorate at Rumford Center the first of January, and go to the old homestead, "Maple Grove Farm," in Bowdoin, where he will look after the farm, which has been deeded to him by his aged parents. He will occasionally supply pulpits near home.

About fifty Italians who have been working for McGregor Bros. on the extension between Bemis and Megantic for three months, have returned to Boston.

Mr. John Crowe went to Jackson, O., last Saturday to take a position there with the Jackson woolen Mill Co. He came here from the Byfield, Mass. Woolen mill where he was superintendent, to take a similar place in the mill here. Mrs. Crowe and family will remain here for the present.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Snow, snow, snow.

Geo. Briggs was in Mason recently, calling on friends.

Bennie Briggs has returned to his old home at G. W. Briggs. He is a faithful boy and we are glad to welcome him back.

A. G. Bean of Hunt's Hill visited at Geo. Briggs' recently.

Fred Wheeler of Grover Hill returned to his home last Saturday after spending a few days with his sister and family at Geo. Briggs'.

Geo. Briggs, Bennie Briggs, I. Hazeltine, Fred Hazeltine and A. A. Bruce are cutting birch for Mrs. Chadbourne of South Waterford.

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Mr. Joseph Clewley, of 47 Church street, bookkeeper for J. E. Knox & Co., Lynn, Mass., manufacturer of dies and cutting tools, says: "I used several prescriptions from physicians, trying to get relief from attacks of backache. The pain was in the region of the kidneys, and the medicine seemed to relieve me for the time being, but it always returned. If I took cold it was always worse, and at such times I was downright sick. I had a severe attack and used Doan's Kidney Pills. The first box relieved me a great deal. Continuing the treatment a short time longer I was entirely cured, and I have had no return of the complaint."

For sale by all druggists; 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

One Old Red Schoolhouse.

In the early forties in the town of Montville in Waldo county was situated an old red schoolhouse. This schoolhouse has long since been demolished but many of those who are now living remember it well.

The schoolhouse stood a quarter of a mile from the farm of the father of Hon. George W. True, a former mayor of Portland. The father of Russell D. Woodman, the cashier of the Westbrook Trust Company attended school at one time in this old red schoolhouse.

Many who have achieved distinction in various walks of life received their early training in this little red schoolhouse in the town of Montville.

In this schoolhouse at one time were present five persons who afterwards became members of Congress. One was Benjamin White of Montville, a Democrat and a farmer who was a member of the twenty-eighth Congress. Mr. White was then present as superintendent of schools.

The teacher of the school was the Rev. Ebenezer Knowlton of Montville. He was a Republican and served as a member of the thirty-fourth Congress. Among the pupils were Seth L. Milliken who was a member of the Maine delegation from the 48th to the 54th Congress and John T. Averill of Minnesota, who represented the St. Paul district for two terms. Mr. Averill left Maine when a young man and going west became a wealthy manufacturer, being connected with the firm of Averill, Russell, and Carpenter. Richard S. Ayer of Montville, who represented one of the Virginia Congressional districts after the war was also present with the others in Montville's little red schoolhouse. Mr. Ayer was a relative of Congressman Littlefield. Argus.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be ward off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures.

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A rope often gets tight because that is the way it is taut.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Practically one-half of the plant of the Brown Lumber company, which has been the main industry of Whitefield, N. H., for years, was wiped out by fire last week. Loss, \$35,000.

Silas W. Bond of Iowa Falls, has cast his ballot for 18 presidential candidates, a record held by comparatively few men. Mr. Bond's first vote was in Wayne county, Ind., in 1832, which he voted for Henry Clay.

The Herald's Valparaiso correspondent says it is reported that Spain has offered to purchase the two new Chilean battleships and one cruiser, but the government has kept the offer if there has been one, a secret.

The present average yield of lima beans in Southern California is 22,000,000 pounds, which is three-fourths of the total production of the world. One ranch in the bean country covers 1,500 acres. This is the largest bean field in the world and it requires 40 tons of seed beans to plant it.

A pair of shoes was shipped last week from Rockland, Mass., said to be the largest ever manufactured for actual wear. They are 17 size and FF width. Four common shoe boxes were required for packing them—two for each shoe. They were for a colored man, Harvey Murray, who works in a saw mill in Tirrell, Ark.

Instead of giving the fifty employees on her estate at Tarrytown, Thanksgiving presents of turkeys this year, Miss Helen Gould, on account of the high price of coal, presented each with a barrel of kerosene, a large kerosene stove, a barrel of potatoes, 100 pounds of bacon and a barrel of flour.

Emperor William I was the first German who had a telephone in his room. It was in November, 1877, that the secretary of State, Heinrich von Stephan, provided him with one, and the first thing the emperor heard through it was a violin solo. To-day there are in Berlin more than 50,000 telephone places.

The "Jim Crow" street cars in New Orleans wouldn't go. That is, the conductors could not decide half the time who were white and who were colored among the passengers, owing to the large creole population, which is so very light in color. And so the law has been banded out of the way by the local court as unconstitutional.

The present methods of sending small sums of money through the mail are entirely inadequate to the mail order business of the country. Investigations shows that of every 1000 money orders only 350 of them are for sums of \$5 or less, and it is estimated that money orders are used for only ten per cent. of transmissions of small sums through the mails.

Mrs. Chester E. Coulter, president of the Utah State Federation of Women's clubs, has just been elected a member of the lower house of the State legislature by the Republicans of Weber county. Mrs. Coulter is a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan. Prominent club women have several times been elected to the legislature in Colorado and Idaho, but this is the first time that the president of a State federation has been chosen.

George W. Prenter, a watchman living in Pittsburgh for over 20 years has had in his possession a coin which is said to be worth \$7,000. It is a Macabean piece and was made in 140 B. C. The coin was given to him by a Frenchman who had picked it up during his wanderings over the world. A few evenings ago footpads attempted to "hold up" Prenter and he believes they sought to obtain possession of the exceedingly rare coin. He has now put it in a safe place. So far as is known there is but one other like it in existence.

WIT AND WISDOM.

"Children," said Aunt Mary, "you have a new little brother. He came this morning while you were asleep."

"Did he?" exclaimed the eldest. "Then I know who brought him."

"Who was it?" asked Aunt Mary.

"Why, the milkman, of course, I saw it on his cart, 'Families supplied daily.'"

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Mrs. Dick—"Did you and Joe have good sport?" Dick—"Well, we didn't get any game; but we didn't shoot each other."

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"Why did you laugh at his joke? It was not funny." "I know it. But if I did not laugh he would think I did not see the point and would tell it again."

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action.

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Tenant—"I came to inform you, sir, that my cellar is full of water." Landlord—"Well, what of it? You surely did not expect a cellar full of champagne for \$10 a month, did you?"

PLENTY OF COLOR.

"Your poems," said the editor, "are all right in rhyme and meter, but they lack color. Bring me something with a little color, something bright and warm, and I will pay for it." So the poet returned to his factory and constructed the following:

To many a sky-blue river,
To many a saffron shore,
Where the pearl-gray shadows quiver,
Or the moss-green breakers roar,
The rose-hued maid is going
To spend a week or two,
Where the brick-red kine are lowing,
And the meadow breeze is blue;
She'll leave the fresh green felloe
At work in the grim gray town,
And read romances yellow.

In the forests Vandyke brown.
The editor had to admit there was plenty of color in this poem, but for some reason he refused to take it.

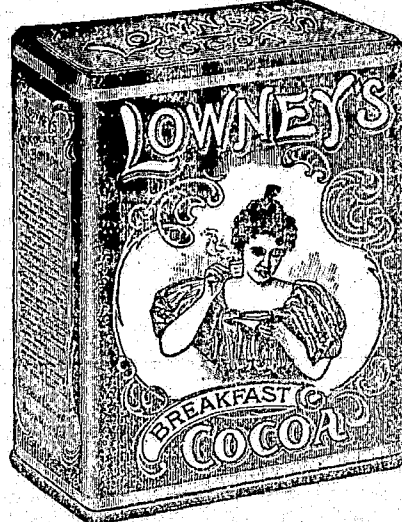
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"My new novel goes but slowly, John, dear," said the wedded authoress; "but my publisher thinks it would go into the thousands if we'd just get up some sort of a sensation—for instance, get you to enter divorce proceedings!" "Well," was the reply, "I can't afford that, but—I'm willing to run away!"

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A cooling lotion for heated, watery eyes is hot water poured over dried rose leaves. Let it stand until cold.

When curling the hair with irons, have two sets and heat them in a vessel of water kept at boiling point, thus avoiding the risk of singeing and dirtying the hair.

A good mouth wash is made of a little tincture of myrrh mixed with warm water, and especially good is it if the mouth is at all sore or if a tooth has been drawn.

Do not rub the cake of soap upon the hair, for it will be impossible to remove the soap from the separate hairs once rubbed on, and the result will be a sticky head of hair for weeks.

The eyelashes can be improved by touching them with castor oil. Brush the eyebrows with a camel's hair brush so as to keep them prettily arched. Sage tea mixed with a few drops of alcohol will darken them.

When the hair is dry and rough and seems inclined to split at the ends, rub a little olive oil into the scalp once a week. Lemon juice rubbed into the roots will often have the effect of stopping the hair from falling.

Tact With Children.

When my little daughter was about three years old, I one morning requested her to bring a certain cup from the dining room into the nursery. From one of those impulses of contrariness that arise in all youthful hearts at times she saw fit to refuse. Without saying a word I left the room and went about other matters. Returning after a short interval, I said very gravely and gently: "Do you know what I have? I have a little girl who does not love me." Instantly the child started up, dropping her playthings and saying, "Allie's going to get that cup," ran out and brought it in to me. Evidently her conscience had been active while she had been left alone, and without any exterior influence having been exerted she had come around to the right frame of mind. Unquestionably this experience, tending to self-control, was more beneficial than if forcible pressure had been brought to bear upon her conduct, for before obstinacy had fairly sprouted it died away of its own accord.—Florence Hull Winterburn in Woman's Home Companion.

Cultivate an Air of Ease.

There is one aspect of the well dressed woman, or, rather, one essential in her aspect, that is constantly overlooked, and that is an air of ease; that she gives you the impression of being unconscious of her clothes, however elegant and costly.

It should be the aim of every woman to be perfectly appointed before she quits her glass and then at once forget even what she is wearing and give herself wholly to the enjoyment of the moment.

To carry the cares of one's clothes in one's bearing can only be pardoned in those of very little intelligence.

Young girls, one supposes, cannot be expected to attain indifference to their garments, but they should certainly be gently bullied by their parents or guardians if they show self-consciousness in their pretty frocks.

One pretty girl, who when some one frankly told her how pretty her frock was, looked for a second puzzled and then quickly down at herself to remember what it was she was wearing.

Dressing the Window.

Nothing in the adornments of a room is more attractive than lace window curtains, but an overdrawn window is like an overdrawn woman. The wise housekeeper who thinks of the health of her family has nothing to cover her window except the blinds or shutters the carpenter put there; also a substantial shade to keep out too much light and a pair of very thin ornamental curtains, the handsomest she can afford and those not too large and clumsy. One of the most tasteful ways, indeed, of draping a window is simply to put across it at the top a fine transparent lace valance about fifteen inches wide—that and nothing more. This takes off the effect of bareness, gives the needed touch of decoration and at the same time leaves the window free to fulfill the use for which windows were made—not to hang things upon, but to let in light and air.—Washington Star.

Pretty Table Decoration.

An original and lovely decoration for a dinner table is the bowknot design. It requires ten yards of soft liberty satin ribbon three inches wide for a table seating eight people. The ribbon is invisibly wired and made into the bow arrangement, which is placed diagonally on the tablecloth and securely pinned in position, with large loops and ends in the center and smaller bows at the corners. A flatiron is then gently passed over the ribbon, so as to have it retain its shape and lie quite evenly on the table. A dainty effect was recently produced in pale green ribbon on fine white damask, with bunches of violets in cut glass bowls placed among the loops of the bows.

Varnishing Furniture.

Varnishing furniture that has become dulled may while away profitably a few hours. For this purpose there are three descriptions of varnish, any of which is applied by a rubber made of wadding. One is made by dissolving two ounces of shellac in half a pint of spirits of wine. A second varnish is made by dissolving sperm in alcohol and adding four times the quantity of an alcohol solution of shellac. Another description of shellac, which imparts a charming surface, is made by dissolving three ounces of shellac in half a pint of wood naphtha and then adding one-eighth of a pint of linseed oil.

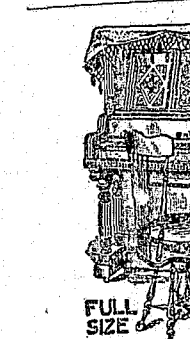
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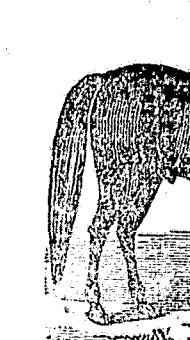
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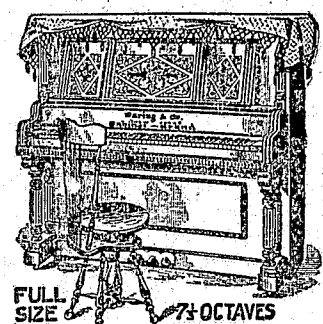
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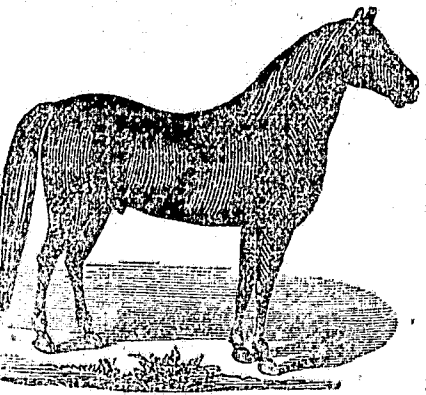
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YOUNG PEOPLE.

Teddy's Query.

One brother was tall and slim,
The other chubby and short;
Teddy sat looking at them one night,
Apparently lost in thought.
"Mamma," he asked at length,
"Which would you like the best,
For me to grow north and south, like
Tom;
Or like Willy, from east to west?"

Bald Knob Snowslide.

"Of course I am going to be brave about it!" Honor said, holding fast to the lapels of her father's overcoat. "Did you think I would fret and cry, as if we weren't partners in business?" If there isn't money enough to carry out the plans of the firm, than the firm must make retrenchments. Here's your lantern. Be careful on the step there, dear. Will you want some coffee when you come back?" Her father turned at the foot of the steps to look back at her bright face, framed in the light of the doorway.

"Not to-night," he said. "I'll be back before ten. Don't wait if you're tired." Honor shut the door, and mended the fire, and hung up the tea towel carefully before she dropped into a chair by the table, hiding her face in her arms. It was necessary to be brave in the presence of her father, who had had more than enough of sorrow and discouragement in his life. But when a girl is safely alone she may surely be allowed to cry over the downfall of her dearest plans.

Honor had kept up a home for her father, in this two-roomed log-cabin at the edge of a Montana mining-camp, for the three years since her mother's death. She still had memories of the city life which her people had left when she was a girl of ten. The rough life of the mountains, drifting from camp to camp as he found employment in assaying, had agreed very well with her father, building up his feeble health. But the mother had pined away beneath hardships and homesickness.

After she was left alone Honor began to dream the dream which had brightened these last three years. She would go to a normal school and fit herself for teaching; and in due time she would find a situation where she might make a home for herself and her father, taking him from the rough strange world of the mining-camp into that other world of culture and beauty for which her soul was hungry. She had studied faithfully, and the little fund set aside for her expenses had been growing steadily, until the realization of her dream seemed very near. But to-night her father had told her very sadly, of a reduction in salary and an increase of other expenses which must postpone her schooling for another year at least.

"Never mind," she said to herself at last, lifting her head from her arms. "It will come some day, and meanwhile I'm going to make the cabin a bit of real home for father. That means, at present, to finish my ironing. I want to have my sash curtains up by sunrise to-morrow. We're the only family in camp that has white curtains, and we'll have to maintain our reputation."

She went back and forth at her work, singing to herself resolutely, though more than once she dashed a suspicious looking moisture from her lashes. Once she paused by the tiny window, peering out anxiously into the darkness.

"I wish father hadn't been obliged to go to work to-night," she thought. Mr. Weston might wait a few hours more for that report! I heard some of the men talking to-day about snowslides. But we haven't had any this winter, and I don't believe they will come now. I wish we didn't live where there were snowslides, and mine accidents, and smelter accidents, and no doctors to speak of!"

At nine o'clock she folded the last piece of ironing, and set the flat-irons carefully on the ledge to cool. As she came back to the table a dull noise struck on her ear, faint at first, but horribly familiar. She sank on her knees, clutching at the ledge of the window for support, while the cabin rocked beneath the sudden roar and sweep of the avalanche thundering past it not fifteen feet to the right. The branches of a tall

pine, carried down on the extreme edge of the slide, crashed through the window beside which Honor knelt, grazing her shoulder, but she felt no pain.

Before the roar of the slide had died away as it dashed itself against the opposite wall of the canon Honor had sprung to her feet, and was tearing madly at the fastenings of the door, which, twisted, in the jarring of the cabin, refused at first to open. A sudden gleam of light seemed to stream across her mind, lighting up hidden motives and half-concealed wishes, revealing in terrible clearness a depth of selfishness where she had thought herself most unselfish.

"Father! Father!" she sobbed, straining her fingers at the key. "How could I ever think of leaving you here? How could I dare to be sorry when you said I must stay?"

The door gave way at last, and she let herself down the steps, creeping through the branches of the fallen pine, and making her way into the open road across the snow. She looked out over the clearing toward the company buildings, a few hundred feet further down the slope. The office was standing, and the dark bulk of the great boarding-house, from which groups of men were pouring with flickering lanterns and hoarse shouts which came to her across the snow. But the smaller building which contained her father's office and work-room had stood directly in the track of the slide. It was blotted out completely—whether crushed beneath the mass of rock and snow, or carried on with it, she could not see.

"Father! father!" she cried again, trying to gather strength to hurry toward the boarding-house. But her feet failed her and she sank on the snow.

"Here, Honor!" rang out a voice from the darkness, and her father's arms were around her, lifting her tenderly. "Thank God, you're safe, and the cabin too! I had just left the office and stepped into the boarding-house when the slide came. No, not a soul hurt this time, for a miracle. It just swept down between the main office and boarding-house—carried off the kitchen, but Sing Lee was in the dining-room. He's sputtering down there now, because he won't have any stove to get breakfast to-morrow. No more will I have any chance at assaying for a week at least!"

Honor clung to his arm, laughing and crying, while they went up to the cabin together. She tried to tell him of the regret and self-reproach that had overwhelmed her, but he would not listen. "Nonsense!" he said. "It's no wonder you wanted to get out of this country. But you must rest to-night, and keep quiet, and we'll have a good time together while this vacation of mine lasts."

They did have a good time, and the vacation made necessary by the repair of the assay office lasted more than a week. The spring came on while they were waiting, and the sweet, early mountain flowers began to bloom, pushing up the side of snowdrifts. Honor sat with a handful of these in her lap one day, arranging them in a little glass of water. She was thinking that there were compensations after all in this mountain world.

"Honor," her father said, coming in, "I've something to tell you."

She looked up at him almost in fear, for his voice shook.

"I didn't want to tell you until it was all settled, but I've just signed the papers. It was the slide that did it—in two ways. It came around the edge of Bald Knob, and tore away a bit of ground, and uncovered the prettiest lead of ore that was ever seen in this part of the country, and it smashed my office, and let me free to go browsing about the hills and find my claim and stake it out. No, don't you look so worried! I'm not going to stay here and develop it in opposition to the company. They've been too good to me for that, and besides, I've been thinking about you. I've sold out to the company, and it's enough to take care of us. You can go to school whenever you like now."

Honor put her arms around his neck.

"What a beautiful snowslide it was, to make you rich, you dear!" she said. "But it did more than

that for me, father. It showed me how rich I was before."

A BOY AND TWO LIONS

Over in Torino, Italy, there is a little five-year-old boy. Ettore Cesa by name, the youngest son of a prominent business man, who has a daily romp with two baby lions. These infant monarchs of the jungles have not been taken in hand by expert trainers or subjugated by famous tamers. Little Cesa himself converted them from snarling little cubs into affectionate playfellows. The plucky little boy and the beasts are inseparable and have as merry times together as three youngsters of the human family.

It was by accident that little Ettore secured his big, clumsy playfellows. Hearing that two lion cubs had been born at the zoological gardens at Torino, Signor Cesa, thinking the animals good material for an interesting photograph, arranged with the superintendent to take a flashlight of the cubs.

Thinking that little Ettore might enjoy a visit to the zoo, Signor Cesa took his little son with him when he went to secure a photograph of the lions. While the signor was arranging his camera and fuses preparatory to making the flashlight his little son slipped unnoticed into the cage where the cubs were curiously watching the visitors.

Before the startled father or the keeper had time to reach him he was down on his knees, with both baby arms thrown about the cubs. The lions seemed not at all astonished by the presence of the youngster. The keeper entered the cage and stood ready to protect the boy should the beasts show any sign of anger. They, however, calmly looked him over, gave him a playful push with their great paws and as a friendly overture invited him to a game of tag by scampering around the cage.

Baby and lions were soon rolling over and over together, the little one shrieking with laughter and the lions showing their pleasure by low, guttural sounds. When the strange trio were tired of playing, Signor Cesa posed the three and secured several excellent photographs.

Little Ettore had become so attached to his new playfellows that he refused to leave the cage and begged earnestly to be allowed to take the animals home. The signor promised to do his best to secure the cubs and greatly surprised the superintendent of the gardens by announcing that he wished to purchase the two infant lions. After a short discussion the bargain was closed, and little Ettore was persuaded to leave his pets by the promise that he should have them in his own home the next day.

The news flew like wildfire, and half the neighborhood turned out to witness the arrival of the cubs. Mothers kept tight hold of their children and forbade them going near little Ettore, predicting all the while the direst mishaps to that little fellow.

Signor Cesa himself somewhat doubted the judgment of the venture, and he remained home from business anxiously awaiting the arrival of the beasts. The keeper brought them in a covered wagon, and the people scattered in all directions when the cubs were led out. Little Ettore, however, who had been watching for his playfellows, dashed out of the house and down the steps to greet them. The cubs seemed as delighted as the child at the meeting, recognizing the boy instantly.

A cage had been placed on the lawn for the cubs, and after a short romp the animals were established in their new home.

Every day now Ettore and the lions may when the weather is fine be seen racing over the lawn together or tumbling about on the grass as friendly and intimate as three children. When it storms, the cubs are taken indoors, and the entire third story of Ettore's home is given over to these beasts and their baby owner.

It is no unusual thing for Ettore to take his two friends with him when he goes in town, and the people of Torino are now quite accustomed to the lions. Other children stroke their lovely heads fearlessly; but, although they accept calmly all friendly advances, with no one will they romp as with their little master.

The little one has succeeded in teaching them many tricks. They always wipe their big paws before entering a house and will shake hands when commanded. They play "dead lion" well and have been taught to sit up and beg for their food much the same as a dog will.

Signor Cesa has become almost as fond of the lions as his little son, and he says that Ettore shall keep his pets as long as they prove docile, and he is anticipating having in a year or so two full grown lions wonderfully tamed and trained.—New York Tribune.

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A set of "Messages and Papers of the Presidents" has been left at the News office for sale. It has just been received from the publishers and is new. Anyone desiring this most excellent work should make inquiries at the office. Bethel's allotment was three sets and this is one of them.

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UPTON.

Mr. Larrabee of Auburn was here a short time ago and organized a branch of the order of Patrons of Husbandry with forty charter members. The following is a list of the officers:

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Pomona.—Mrs. Lettie Douglas.
Flora.—Mrs. Nellie Burke.

Mrs. B. W. Judkins goes to Portland this week to represent this new grange at the State Grange. A grange meeting will be held at the Library building Saturday, Dec. 20, to discuss plans for a hall for the use of the grange. The Lecturer has also arranged for a literary entertainment.

Mr. Perley Bartlett was in town a few days last week.

Mrs. Hester Cummings is taking care of her sister, Mrs. Fred Lane, who is still seriously ill. Mrs. Sewell Lane who has been taking care of her has gone home to rest.

Mr. Fred Lane is recovering from a severe attack of mumps. Mr. Frank Bragg, Mr. J. Orne Douglas, Mrs. F. O. Godwin, and Mrs. Bennett Morse are among the latest victims of this disease.

Two two-horse teams came up from Bethel Saturday night, arriving at A. M. Cooledge's place at 1:30 Sunday morning, bringing fifteen thousand young salmon to stock the waters of B Pond. The tanks containing the young salmon were kept in Mr. Bernier's boat-shop by the furnace until morning when they were immediately taken to the Pond and turned loose. The transportation of these young fish requires extreme care to keep them alive.

Mrs. Fannie Urhouse of Passaic, N. J., whose husband was killed in the Pennsylvania coal strike, has advertised and sold her three-week-old son, as she could not earn enough to support herself and it. The price paid was \$4.

\$1250 was paid in Boston for a vase of Sevres ware, 22 inches in height, having an oval medallion on the front, containing an exceptionally fine portrait of Marie Louise in hunting costume, and signed by the artist "Constantin."

The Congregational church at Franklin, N. H., was destroyed Sunday forenoon by fire which broke out shortly before the regular Sunday morning services. The church was built nearly eighty-three years ago and had an interesting history. Daniel Webster was a member of the church while his family was living at the Elms farm, and Mr. Webster himself later owned a pew in the church. It will be rebuilt.

Village Improvement Society Entertainment.

The first of the series of evenings to be given for the benefit of the village improvements, was held in Garland Chapel last Friday evening.

The large and enthusiastic audience showed its appreciation of the great privilege all felt in having such literary and musical interpretations as Dr. Hubert de La Serre Spence rendered.

Dr. Spence prefaced his reading from Dickens by stating that, as a child, he sat on Dicken's knee when the great writer was a guest at his father's home in Liverpool. He also added a reminiscence to the effect that one of the selections he was to read was told him by Dickens, as a story, presumably suited to his tender years, but which resulted in a never-to-be-forgotten nightmare! At any rate the impression produced upon the boy, has, in the man, given the power to read Dickens as very few can do. Dr. Spence's wonderful voice lends itself to all sentiments, grave or gay, but those who heard him on Friday night will never forget the story of Sidney Carton's sacrifice, nor will they forget the deep magnetic tones that voiced it.

As for Dr. Spence's playing, it is unlike others in that it seems an expression of his own personality, rather than an accretion to his life as an accomplishment. One does not even notice his wonderful technique, and the composition impresses itself as being his own. A special gift displays itself in the way he plays a song with its accompaniment, making one feel no sense of loss from the absence of voice.

The greatest pleasure was received by the Bethel people, and Dr. Spence will never have to express the wish that Dickens so pathetically embodied in his tenderly remembered words:

"Lord, keep my memory green."

for we shall never forget the evening made so memorable by his talent and charming personality.

The second of the series will be given at Garland Chapel, on Thursday evening. Please observe change of night.

This will be a ladies' program. Miss Lucia Weed will play, Miss Berta Narten will recite, and Mrs. Tuttle of Brookline, Mass., will be the central object of interest, as she will tell us of the work that women of leisure are doing among the women in our prisons. At the close of the paper there will be an informal talk on the subject. Dr. Spence will give some facts about what is being done for the same class of men.

Tickets for the remainder of the course, 40c. Single tickets, 20c., to be obtained at the door.

"How did you come here?" asked the kind old lady with the tract. "Following horses, mum," responded prisoner 906. "Ah, then you played the races?" "No; dey was hitched to de 'Black Maria.'"

SUNDAY RIVER.

Willie Powers was in Magalloway last week.

Jack Downing is at R. M. Williamson's.

C. D. Bean is pressing hay in Bethel.

H. M. Kendall is suffering severely from rheumatism.

David Fleet is yarding timber for R. M. Williamson.

Mrs. St. John Hastings and Miss Fannie were at C. D. Atherton's, last Sunday.

Lorin Trask was at Rumford Falls last week on business.

L. M. Blanchard is at work for David Fleet.

Omer Stowe recently trapped an animal of the cat species. The taxidermist pronounce it a Canada lynx.

Christmas Concert.

The Congregational Sunday school will give their annual Christmas concert at the church next Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 7 o'clock. All members of the school and friends are cordially invited.

Card of Thanks.

To those who in any way aided us in our great sorrow may God in loving kindness grant them his rich blessing, is the heartfelt prayer of

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Fastest Mare in Maine.

To Oxford County now belongs the claim of having the fastest horse ever owned in the State. Mr. B. H. Bisbee of East Sumner attended the great Fasig-Tipton auction sale of fast horses at Madison Square Garden, New York City, recently, and while there purchased and brought to Oxford County, Bessie Bonehill, 2,053. This mare held the world's pacing record at 5 years, and when it is considered that only four mares, living or dead, trotters or pacers, have ever beaten 2,05 it shows how rare such a turn of speed, is. B. H. Bisbee of Maine, got the noted mare for \$925.

The mare is ten years old; has been a mile in 2,073 to wagon this year. Her sire was Empire Wilkes, 2,294, a brother-in-blood to Baron Wilkes, being by George Wilkes out of Jane Mosely, dam of two in the list, by Mambrino Patchen. The dam of Bessie Bonehill was Drab Girl, dam of four in the list, by Crittenden, son of Cassius M. Clay, Jr., 22, and Flora by Pilot. Jr. Crittenden got a number of speedy horses, thirteen in the list, and the dams of such as Will Leyburn, 2,06; Belle Colley, 2,094; Cut Glass, 2,104, etc. She has been used as a brood mare somewhat, and one or two of her colts have sold for high prices, considering their age. Bessie Bonehill is the fastest horse ever owned in Maine.

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